

On April 14, six trees infested with the Asian Longhorned Beetle were found in an industrial/wetlands area southeast of the Linden Municipal Airport, approximately one-half mile inside the northern border of the established Middlesex/Union Counties quarantine.

The infested trees were found by a USDA Forest Service Smokejumper conducting an initial survey of the area. All six infested trees were red maples. One tree had egg sites and two exit holes, and the other five had multiple egg sites with no exit holes. Because of the tree with exit holes, the quarantine area will need to expand.

Also, on April 18, one infested tree, a red maple with multiple egg sites and no exit holes, was found in a wooded industrial area near the Linden Humane Society, within the established quarantine area.

With these new finds, it is estimated that an additional 3,200 trees will require removal in Linden, mainly in wooded/industrial areas. This brings the total number of trees to be removed in the Middlesex/Union Counties ALB quarantine area to approximately 8,600.

Program personnel are also making preparations to begin tree treatments in the Middlesex/Union Counties ALB quarantine area. Starting Monday, May 9, approximately 20,200 trees will be treated with the insecticide imidacloprid. The insecticide will be injected into the trees' trunks or into the soil surrounding the trees.

As of April 21, 3,840 trees have been removed from the Middlesex/Union quarantine area. Of those, 506 were infested host trees and 3,334 were high-risk exposed host trees. Crews continued removing trees this week in areas of Rahway and Carteret.

Currently, 14 program personnel from USDA APHIS PPQ, NJDA and NJ Forest Service are performing survey, control and regulatory activities. Ten USDA Forest Service Smokejumpers, along with 13 contracted tree climbers from Bartlett Tree Expert Company, continue to survey trees in the Middlesex/Union ALB quarantine; to date a total of 11,942 trees have been inspected.

On April 25, the NJ DEP Forest Service, in cooperation with Mayor Daniel J. Reiman of Carteret, will host a public meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Thomas Deverin Community Center, located on Cooke Avenue in Carteret. The purpose of the meeting is to announce the reforestation plan for Carteret. Representatives from NJ DEP will explain all the parts of the reforestation process.

On April 14, Rosa Yoo, NJ DEP Community Forester/ALB Outreach Coordinator and Elisandra Sanchez, PPQ Officer, gave an ALB presentation to the Woodbridge Environmental Commission of NJ.

#### **Jersey City/Hoboken ALB Infestation**

Four program personnel continue to perform survey and regulatory activities in the Jersey City/Hoboken ALB quarantine area.

Tree treatments in the Jersey City/Hoboken ALB quarantine area are slated to begin April 25 with approximately 900 trees to be treated. Program officials are sending letters to residents to inform them of the upcoming treatments.